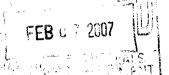


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Re: Rico Railroad Corridor Sampling and Analysis Report

Dear Mark,

Attached are two copies of the Railroad Corridor Sampling and Analysis Report completed at Rico, CO. After discussions with you in June 2006, Atlantic Richfield agreed to complete this sampling and analysis of the specific river corridor locations through the town of Rico in order to characterize any final uncertainties related to lead soil exposures in this area. The sampling and analysis was implemented in compliance with the Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) approved in September 2006 by your office. This report includes the sampling protocols, sampling locations, analytical results and quality control results.

Samples were collected along three areas considered waste areas within the river corridor that needed further characterization, including: the historic railroad bed through the town of Rico; the East Shamrock waste pile; and the area referred to as the Overbank Waste Area in southwest Rico. Samples were also collected in the two areas which were agreed to represent natural, "background" river corridor material. Analyses of the soil lead concentrations were performed by XRF method and quality control was accomplished by laboratory wet chemistry. All lab analysis and duplicates were within the Relative Percent Difference limit required by the SAP. Analytical results are presented for each of the subject locations.

Following your review of this report, we can discuss a plan to address the railroad alignment and the two waste areas, in an effort to complete Atlantic Richfield's final actions under the Rico Soils VCUP Work Plan. As discussed, our goal with the VCUP in this river corridor area is to provide a condition that adequately protects human health, given the limited exposure to soils of this open space/recreational setting. Please call me if there are questions on the report and to discuss Atlantic Richfield's final actions under the Rico Soils VCUP.

Sincerely,

Chuck Stilwell, PE Environmental Manager

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